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NORTON, VIRGINIA'S NEW CHURCH

The pastor says, "When we came here 5 years ago, the church had just been organized, with 13 members. The Lord blessed in such a great way that we now have 108 members. We were using an old dilapidated building that did not accommodate our attendance. After taking our needs to the Lord, we decided to launch a building program, trusting the Lord to help us. He had helped us before in building new churches at Oakwood and Glamorgan, Va.

"Now we have this new building shown here, which is 40 by 60 feet, with full-sized basement for Sunday School rooms and a heating plant which cost \$1,200. The church is completely equipped with new furniture, including a new piano. This building is valued at \$20,000, and we lack only \$2,000 having it paid for. We have also built and paid for a nice parsonage, in which we are living. It is valued at \$5,000.

"We truly thank the Lord for the faithful workers here at Norton who love the church and are willing to sacrifice for the work of the Lord."

Standing on the steps are the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert A. Stone.



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WE BELIEVE

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

EDITORIAL ...



THE HUMAN INTEREST SIDE OF OUR TRIP TO LONDON, ENGLAND

At 8 p. m., June 24, 22 Church of God delegates of various states met in New York City at the El Al Israel Airlines office for a personal and luggage weigh-in. We soon discovered that the ticket agents were perplexed because the 57 passengers and luggage were 1,500 pounds overweight. The head agent said, "You preachers are too beeg, weigh too much." Then he looked at a colored woman and said, "Look at her, she shoulda buy two seats." He felt the same way when he looked at Brother J. H. Hughes, whom God has let develop into a giant-like man. The only thing to do was for some to leave a part of their luggage to follow later.

We boarded "The Flying Tiger"—one called it "The Flying Dragon"—at 12 o'clock midnight, and the pilot taxied out on the runway, while we were singing and praying. Half an hour passed, and the four motors were still roaring, but on the ground. Then the stewardess informed us, "There will be a delay of one and a half hours due to motor trouble." So we went back to the station. We waited hour after hour until 7 a. m. before being invited to load up again. By that time there was quite a bit of apprehension. In the first place, we were supposed to have had a Constellation plane, instead of "The Flying Tiger," which originally, it was said, had been used as a cargo plane. However, when the pilot, whom I understand had been General Eisenhower's personal pilot, said, "Folks, I'm not going to do anything to hurt myself; therefore, I will not take this plane off the ground until everything is ship-shape," we relaxed.

Soon we were off the ground and on our way on the first lap of the journey, taking us to Gander, Newfoundland, a matter of a six-and-one-half-hour flight. There the plane was refueled, and we had a good meal, then took off for Eflylvik, Iceland, a matter of an eight-and-one-half-hour flight. When we arrived in Iceland, about 1 a. m., the sun was just setting, with its most lovely golden glow. We were in the land of the midnight sun, which has six months night and six months daylight.

From Eflylvik, Iceland, we flew to Amsterdam, Holland, a seven-and-one-half-hour flight. On this flight we were suddenly made aware that

we were over the angry waters. The stewardess sweetly, yet matter-of-factly, gave us a sheet of paper containing "Ditching Procedures for a Water Landing." Up to that time I hadn't paid very much attention to the life vest in the pocket before me. Now, however, I read, "Prepare for ditching. Please do the following calmly: 1. If you wear glasses, remove them and any sharp objects from your person. 2. Male Passengers—remove tie and loose collars..." About that time the plane seemed to suddenly drop a thousand feet. While my heart was getting back down where it belonged, I was wondering if the stewardess wasn't about ready to advise us to don our vests. I could almost see sharks and feel the cold water rolling over me. But it didn't happen, thank the good Lord!

We were in Amsterdam about two hours, and ate lunch, served by the waiters in their long, black coats, which really gave us an introduction to what we were to see in England.

From there we flew on a British plane across the historic English Channel, a distance of about 250 miles, to London. Upon landing we took taxis for the Ford and Rosecourt hotels, where we stayed throughout the Conference. We arrived along in mid-afternoon, having made our entire trip in daylight. In fact, night did not come in London until 10 p. m. Daylight from 7 a. m. the 25th until 10 p. m. the 26th was the longest stretch of daylight that I had ever seen.

One of the first things we had to get accustomed to was the English money. You should have seen us studying the English money chart. We found that a penny is about as large as our 50c piece, and that two and a half shillings or a half crown equalled 35c; 10 shillings, \$1.40; 20 shillings, 1 pound, \$2.80; and 5 pounds, \$14.00. The people, as a general rule, gave us time to figure out the money. We began learning by paying bus fare. I never saw as many busses, and especially double-deck busses, in my life, and the place was also covered with old-fashioned taxis. (London is actually many years behind, when it comes to modern progress.) Many of the people who work, for very low wages, in the city, live in the suburbs and when working hours are beginning or closing the traffic is some-

thing terrific, on the sidewalks and in the busses, taxis, and subway trains, which run all under London.

In some respects the customs of London are quite different to those in the United States. The men wear either derbies or homburgs and wool clothes, evidently the year round. The climate varies from 30 to 70 degrees. We were pretty well dressed for the weather, with the exception of our straw hats, which made us easily recognized as Americans. You should have seen some of us who finally bought derbies and homburgs. Sister Bright almost refused to kiss me when I arrived home wearing my homburg.

Another thing, the Londoners thought very little about water during their meals, and especially ice water. The only way we got ice water, which Americans are spoiled about, was by requesting, or rather insisting, on it. Brother A. L. Burroughs and I stepped in a little refreshment stand for some ice cream and cold drinks. The strawberry drinks were taken down from a shelf right over a stove, opened and handed to us, and they

mism riding over pathos. I am glad our nation had a part in saving London from total destruction. Now I hope she will be able to save herself.

Marble Arch, in Hyde Park, was close to where we were staying. Hyde Park is a cross between the Tower of Babel and Mars Hill. To those of you who have visited Cleveland Tenn., Courthouse Square on Saturdays, and heard the arguing, preaching, and debating, can know that it is only a miniature comparison to Hyde Park. It is nothing unusual to see 15 or 20 groups, with from 100 to 200 in a group, surrounding a speaker or speakers, or a group singing. The speakers and arguments were for and against every government, philosophy, religion, science, or great or common subject to be thought of from the vulgar to the sublime. The gates were not closed until 12 o'clock midnight, and the disillusioned, restless people roamed about as if lost. We were informed that there is no law against prostitution in London. The actual sight of men and women, here and there in Hyde Park, having illicit re-

discovered that I had lost 14 pounds, and, in fact, by the time I weighed in the next morning for our return flight, I found that I had lost all but one of the 28 pounds that I had gained. How did I stand it? Well, you see, I had lost English pounds—money. My American avoirdupois was still up to par—you guess how much.

Now we are at the London airport, and it is July 8, 8:30 a. m. We board the British plane and take off, to discover, after about a 15-minute flight, that the plane was circling and heading back to the airport. We were informed by the hostess that because of technical engine trouble, the plane was being taken back for exchange to another plane. After about 30 minutes, we were on our way to Amsterdam. We spent some time there, then loaded into the "Flying Tiger," had our devotional service while the motors were being warmed up for our take-off, to suddenly be informed that a bolt in the door had broken, and we could unload and return to the station until it was repaired. This we did. The door was removed; the bolt replaced; and in a short time we were up in the air and on our way to Eflyvik, Iceland; then from Iceland to Gander, Newfoundland, and from there, we came back to New York. Although the seats had been placed close together, and the General Overseer and I were so cramped between them we could hardly stand up, once we had the chance, and despite a few other unpleasanties, we enjoyed a safe trip.

I am sure I express the sentiment of the passengers when I say that our crews going and coming were of the very best and efficient type. Both crews said they had never had a load of passengers just like us, referring especially to our singing, praying, testifying, and reading God's Word, both to and from London. When the wheels struck the runway in New York we were singing "God Bless America," and gave thanks to God for the safe trip.

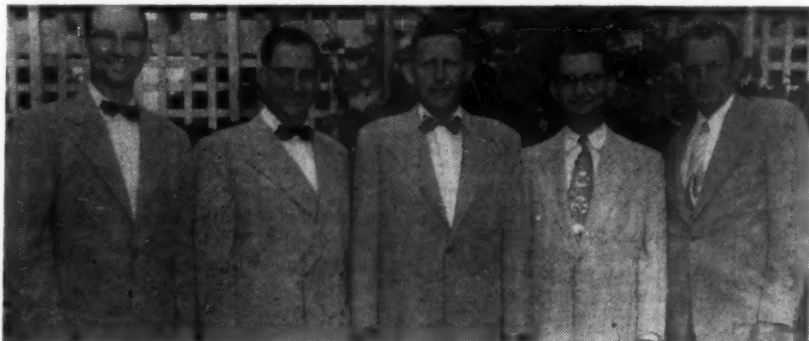
Now may I tell you one of the most amusing things that happened on the entire trip. Upon our return, we had to go through the routine customs inspection. We were all instructed to stand under the letter that began our names. We had already filled out a blank stating what we were bringing back with us. Some were merely asked questions, while others were requested to open their suitcases, and the inspector gave them a thorough searching. Brother Frank Spivey was standing under his letter, and just about everyone had been inspected and released. I asked, "Haven't they gotten to you yet?" He said, "No, and I'm standing under 'S,' and they've already checked the fellow that was under 'T.' Another thing, I've observed that these inspectors are opening the suitcases of some, and others they are not."

I teasingly said, "Well, you know these fellows have been at the game a long time; they can look at a fellow and tell when he is honest."

He said, "You shouldn't have said that; they may open my suitcase."

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FLORIDA DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE



Left to right: Rev. John Adair, A. V. Howell, J. T. Roberts, state overseer, W. C. Byrd, and B. E. Chesser.

were about as hot as tea (tay). Of course, we had an awful time drinking them. Another thing we discovered was that the Englishmen do not drink their "tay" or coffee during the meal, but after. This is, of course, contrary to our custom. Some of the waitresses, upon becoming acquainted with us, served us ice water, coffee, or tea at the beginning of our meal, but many of them refused. In fact, we found that the Londoners generally had only one way of doing things. Of course, when they come over here, they will find that we have so many ways of doing things that actually, once in a while one will please.

As we toured the city of London and saw where building after building had been blown to bits, right in the heart of the city, we could not help thinking in complimentary terms of the great courage and fortitude of the Londoners during World War II. Another thing that filled our hearts both with pride and sympathy for the citizens was, in many bombed-out places they had planted beautiful flower gardens. To us this was opti-

lations, fully aware that they were being observed, was, indeed, repulsive. Yet, it is to be remembered that here in the States many cars are used as prostitution vehicles on roadsides and at open theaters.

During the recess periods, or the days that the Conference was not in session, we visited many of the scenic places in London. After visiting several, and especially after going through historic Westminster Abbey, I wrote Sister Bright, "London is actually alive with dead people! Every direction I turn, there is a statue or grave of some great person who has been dead for hundreds of years." London screeches with old age. England needs more great men today, especially of the Whitefield, Wesley, and John Bunyan type.

I had one very unusual experience while there. You know most of us who are middle-aged are having quite a bit of trouble with overweight. One day I went up on an elevator 4 stories, and when I came back down I had gained 28 pounds. However, in a short while after I returned to the hotel, I

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! It's Only Ten Days

LOVE IN ALL DIRECTIONS

By Rev. H. E. Stone, Pastor, Landis, North Carolina

Text: John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This scripture is the golden text of the Bible. It contains the gospel of Jesus Christ and is sufficient to save the entire world. Yes, I believe there is enough power in this scripture to save you that are lost.

Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus that they, "being rooted and grounded in love, might be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that they might be filled with all the fullness of God," Eph. 3:17-19. While attending the General Assembly at Chattanooga, Tennessee, I made a visit to a mountain near by. I was unable to estimate its magnitude until I talked with a man who told me that three miles of the mountain lay in Tennessee, 30 miles in Georgia, and 40 miles in Alabama. When I thought of the mountain in all its measurements, I had a better understanding of its greatness. It is in this light that I want to discuss with you this wonderful text—the breadth, length, depth, and height of God's love.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

That is the breadth of His love, not the world of matter, for this earth, from the day that it was finished and pronounced "good" by its Maker, has never gone astray; it has walked in the straight and narrow way and has kept the original schedule without varying, bringing seed time and harvest according to promise. But the world of men, which is the world that is meant—men made in the image of God; men who by transgression fell and lost their original purity, for as Isaiah writes, "All we like sheep have gone astray"—that is the world that God loves. This poor lost world of prodigal boys and girls away from the Father's house, among strangers, with



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tearful eyes and heavy hearts, is the world that God loves. These are in all nations, continents, and isles of the sea; some are black, some brown, yellow, white, but God loves them, and the great surprise is that God loves us all just the same. "For God is no respecter of persons." "He willeth not the death of any, but rather that all should come to repentance," and the invitation is unto all, "Whosoever will, let him come and take the water of life freely." I thank God for a "whosoever will" gospel and a "whosoever will" church. It is the purpose and intent of the Church of God to preach the gospel to the whole world and to fill each community, hamlet, town, state, and nation with this, the greatest love story ever told.

THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

That is the length of His love. Jesus said to His disciples, in speaking of God's care of them, "If ye, being evil (or human), know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit unto them that ask

him?" and in another place, "Give good gifts unto them that ask him." It has now been translated into a home expression, "If ye know how to love and provide for your children, then realize that God knows more, and can do more for you than you can do for your children." How far will a father go for his child?

I read the account of a young man that had been convicted in the court room and was facing a very hard sentence. His old dad, with tears in his eyes, lifted himself with the aid of a cane and said, with a choked voice, that he would like to request to the judge that he serve the time of his wayward son, since he knew that a term in the penitentiary would ruin his life. The judge could not grant his request, though his face was bathed in tears. Later the precious old dad was found on his knees in a snow blizzard; his face, turned upward, was covered with frozen tears. He was taken to a physician's office, and when his bony hands were thawed out they found he was clutching a petition, with 500 names signed, to get his son out on parole. He had worked long and hard for this, and had gone as far as he could. The burden was too heavy for him to carry farther, so he laid down and died; he had reached the length of his love.

I want to tell you, dear readers, that above the love of a father for his wayward son, there is the love of God for every sinner in this world. The love of a father for his son is shown in the story of David and his son, Absalom. I see David pacing up and down before his palace gate; his son, Absalom, is leading an army of rebellion against David's kingdom, but David is not concerned for his own safety, but for the welfare of his son. A runner approaches. "Is the young man Absalom safe?" is the question of the anxious father. When David learned the truth concerning his son, he turned away with a heart-cry that reaches across the centuries and finds a response in the hearts of parents

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who have prodigal boys and girls dying in sin: "O Absalom, Absalom, my son, would to God I had died for thee, Absalom."

Jesus traveled the rough road to Calvary seeking to save that which was lost. He is sometimes like the good shepherd, traversing the desert and mountains; sometimes like the good Samaritan, binding up wounded bodies and healing broken hearts. Men saw God in the face of His Son as He died on the cross praying for those who were against Him, as if saying, "Father, I have done everything I could for your sin-lost children. Now I die for them, and my work is finished." God went as far for lost men as He could. He walked with men in cities made with hands that men might walk with Him in the city not made with hands. He walked with us across this vale of tears that we might walk with Him in glory. That is the length of His love.

THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH

That is the depth of His love. Isaiah said, "For peace I had great bitterness, but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption, for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back"; this is the John 3:16 of the Old Testament. It says that it was in the pit of corruption that the love of God sent down after the souls of men. There is nothing sweeter in life than the persistent and penetrating power of the love of Jesus Christ for a lost soul. I thank God that the love of Jesus was for me (and it is for you), seeing me as I was a sinner. My wife loved me at my best. When I went to see her, I wore my best clothes and tried to look my best. I exhibited my best disposition, never got mad, never gave expression to sinful love, and appeared to her at my best. It was in this condition she learned to love me. But God and His Son loved me at my worst, and lifted me out of the pit and put a new song in my soul.

Friends, I want to tell you that Jesus loves your soul, and that love will go down to the depths of human depravity; it matters not how deep in the pit of corruption your soul has gone. There is no love like the love of God. Look at the steps He made for you, from the throne in heaven at the Father's right hand to a rugged cross

on a rough hilltop between two thieves. That is the descent Jesus made for you and me. Jesus, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; yes, He went deep enough to salvage every sin-wrecked man and woman in this storm-swept world, if they would but turn their weary eyes to Calvary and accept His salvation; His invitation is "to any man."

BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE

That is the height of His love. Everlasting life has the sweep of eternity. I understand that the magnolia tree in the colder climate of the Northern States grows in a tub and is carried indoors for the winter months. It never reaches the height it should; it never blooms; it is nipped and dwarfed by the frosts; the season of growth is too short for it to reach its proper height. But I have seen this tree here in the South, where the climate is warm and balmy and the summer season is long. Here the tree grows large in diameter and in height. The flowers are as pure and white as the driven snow and as fragrant as the breath of spring. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This is only God's nursery. Here He brings man into being. Man begins the climb, the end of which is

seen by God alone. Here we have unfinished tasks. After we have learned enough to begin to live, the machinery with which we operate gives way; the avenues through which we find expression become clogged and refuse to work, and we fail to get our full growth. We have many setbacks, but our souls are like a caged eagle which hears the call of the heights and longs to go. We may not make great marks in this life, because of disabilities and conditions on the earth, but God, in His great preparation, can make us fit for eternal life and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Then our winter experience here, where we have been kept back, will pass away and cease with time. The apostle John suggested the great measure of everlasting life when he said, "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is"; and again, "What manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons of God." That is the height of His love.

In measuring God's love, the nearest we find
Was the giving of His Son for all mankind.

1952 SECOND QUARTER REPORT MISSIONS—ORPHANAGE

	Missions	Orphanage
Alabama	\$ 6,590.18	\$ 3,091.64
South Alabama	2,435.15	1,682.35
Arizona	1,543.90	552.09
Arkansas	1,151.48	1,143.24
California	6,599.05	2,350.72
Canada—Central	12.73	13.65
Canada—Western	108.43	11.22
Colorado	164.42	88.06
Connecticut	3.71	24.28
Delaware	74.55	91.66
District of Columbia	74.48	39.26
Florida	12,579.71	7,591.28
Georgia	4,609.46	10,169.36
Idaho	30.62	62.23
Illinois	3,956.24	1,338.95
Indiana	488.82	532.11
Iowa	370.90	138.74
Kansas	180.69	190.42
Kentucky	6,554.13	3,755.58
Louisiana	4,144.28	1,395.90
Maine	64.71	142.11
Maryland	1,356.81	834.56
Massachusetts	1.94	4.91
Michigan	1,583.76	778.83
Minnesota	115.24	24.01
Mississippi	6,611.36	3,787.29
Missouri	1,330.71	962.47
Montana	163.12	227.05
Nebraska	30.62	42.08
Nevada	55	15.95
New Jersey	130.16	30.69
New Mexico	1,048.27	358.80
New York	43.05	31.37
North Carolina	32,322.32	13,537.96
North Dakota	119.62	209.21
Ohio	16,096.92	6,459.07
Oklahoma	2,037.65	1,239.04
Oregon	56.84	111.12

Pennsylvania	2,735.46	1,451.80
South Carolina	11,776.78	9,362.86
South Dakota	599.07	227.57
Tennessee	4,354.72	6,482.58
Texas	1,455.81	973.75
Utah	1.42	5.39
Virginia	1,195.06	981.68
Washington	112.86	118.31
West Virginia	17,380.99	7,512.79
Wisconsin	50.56	46.02
Wyoming	3.71	2.70
Spanish	307.48	26.61
Hawaii		30.81
Miscellaneous	10.00	
TOTAL	\$155,370.52	\$90,291.82

Senator Tom Connally has said that of the 50,000 letters he has received on the envoy-to-the-Vatican issue, more than 49,900 were opposed to the proposal.

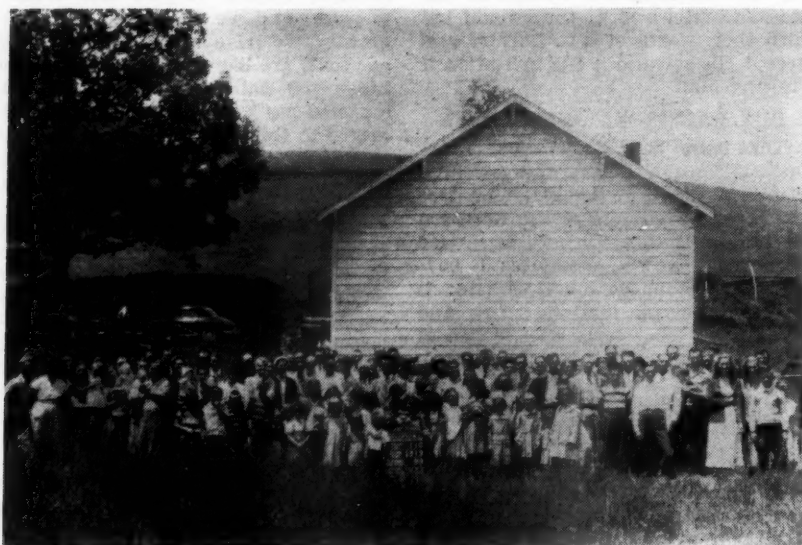
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Stop, Look, Listen!! It's Only Twelve Days

NEWS from the Field



THOMPSON VALLEY, VA., SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thompson Valley had a record-breaking Sunday School the first of June, with 110 students present and \$30.70 offering. The Sunday School is really growing since our pastor, Rev. David Clower, and his family came. Brother and Sister Clower are in the center of the picture in the second row. We had a glorious meeting in the morning service, with some visiting ministers present. We thank God for Brother and Sister Clower.—Reporter.

REPORT OF D. V. B. S.

The Middlesex, N. C., Church held its Daily Vacation Bible School June 2-8. It was a wonderful success, with an average of 97 present daily. The children were very enthusiastic about their work, and were taught many choruses, flannelboard stories, object lessons, Bible quizzes, and crossword puzzles. Some learned the Beatitudes and books of the Bible. Refreshments were served each day by different parents. The teachers were: Beginners, Mrs. Modell Bell and Mrs. Miriam Tanner; Primary, Marian Hinton; Juniors, Mrs. Archie Brantley, Mrs. S. Z. Harris, and Mrs. Goye Patterson; Intermediates, Katie Stone, and the chorus director, Mrs. J. H. Stone. The commencement was held Sunday night, June 8, and certificates were awarded. We thank the Lord for such a fine school.—Reporter.

THE LORD BE PRAISED FOR OUR SUCCESS

DAYTON, Tenn.—When Brother C. M. Newman came to our church 2 years ago, we were in debt \$1,710 on the parsonage. During these 2 years we have paid that, bought \$1,200 worth of furniture for the parsonage,

painted the parsonage and church inside and out, sanded the church floors, bought a new piano, and made other improvements on the parsonage and church, at a total cost of \$2,872.50. Our tithes have increased until we have a large surplus. We are out of debt and are planning to build some more Sunday School rooms soon. All the departments of the church have worked hard to do this, and we give the Lord full credit for all that has been accomplished.—Creld Dunn, Clerk.

D. V. B. S. WELL ATTENDED

STATENVILLE, Ga.—Our Vacation Bible School, June 2-13, was well attended, with an average attendance of 62. Thirty-nine certificates were awarded, and 24 students had a perfect attendance record. The teachers were very faithful, and everyone co-operated. Rev. C. H. Chandler is the pastor and Mr. R. M. Hale is the Sunday School superintendent.

GOING FORWARD

WELLSTON, Ohio—Since 1949 this church has tripled in attendance, and the membership is 9 times more than it was then. Last Sunday night 4 were saved, and Tuesday 1 was saved and 1 joined the church. The lot has been staked off for the new church which will be erected soon. This building will have 3,600 square feet of floor space, with a full-size basement. The total cost will be about \$28,000. Our pastor, Rev. C. G. Butts, has been here since 1949, and has been appointed for the next 2 years, to everyone's pleasure. Pray for the work here.—Charlene Harkins, Clerk.



This is a pot full of faith in God for a Church of God in our town of Velasco, Texas.—Pastor, W. W. Roberts, Clerk, Gladys Sykes.

Until the 44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Ministers attending Ohio State Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 18-21

HIGHLIGHTS OF OHIO STATE CONVENTION

On Wednesday, June 18, members and friends from all over the State of Ohio arrived at the 12th and Elm Streets Church of God in Cincinnati, Ohio, where L. Luther Turner, Jr., is pastor, for 4 great days of fellowship with God and one another. From the first song and prayer the Holy Spirit bestowed His blessing upon us. After introductory remarks by our beloved state overseer, Paul H. Walker, C. R. Spain, state overseer of Indiana and night speaker for the convention, brought a stirring message on "Jesus and the Woman of Samaria."

Thursday was State Youth Day, under the direction of O. W. Polen, state director. The program included a Sunday School and Y. P. E. clinic, panel discussion (3 of our outstanding young ministers of the Church spoke on "The Task of Christian Youth in Today's World"), a great youth sermon by J. E. DeVore, children's program, a talk on Children's Church by Mrs. W. R. Marcum, Scout program, youth march, and the annual youth report. The youth of Ohio has experienced another great year of progress under the able leadership of Brother Polen. Brother Polen presented special prizes to the 2 churches that had the most points in the Honor Sunday School and Y. P. E. Contest. The winning Sunday School was Oak Hill, and the winning Y. P. E. was Findlay. A special prize was also awarded to Homer Boatman, Cleveland district youth director, whose district raised the largest convention offering. The climax of the day was the presentation to Brother and Sister Walker and Brother Polen special love offerings from the Y. P. E.'s of Ohio. The night service was wonderful.

On Friday we were blessed with interesting and beneficial programs such as: an L. W. W. B. drama, "A Tribute to Aged Ministers" by Houston R. Morehead, mission message by Leonard E. Barrett, Kingston, Jama-

ca, and an orphanage message by E. E. Winters. Friday evening Brother Walker gave the report of the progress of the Church in Ohio for the past year. Ohio is near the 5,000 mark in membership, has had a property value increase of over \$300,000, and 9 new churches were organized this year. As a token of love and appreciation, the State presented Brother and Sister Walker with a love offering. Brother Spain's evening message on the "Personality of the Holy Ghost" stirred our hearts.

On Saturday morning W. Paul Stallings, president of the Lee Alumni Association of Ohio, spoke in behalf of Lee College and the work of the Alumni Association. Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer delivered an inspiring message on "Man's Dependence on God." Saturday afternoon was devoted to missions. Brother and Sister C. E. French, returned missionaries from India, were with us for this service, also Brother T. M. Varughese, a native of India. Their testimonies and messages were stimulating and greatly appreciated. The mission offering was approximately \$1,000.

Saturday night was the last service and the church was filled. After a Spirit-filled devotional service, Brother Spain delivered a challenging message on "So, Stand Fast in the Lord." We closed the convention with the song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" and were off to another great year.—Homer Boatman, State Convention Reporter.

REVIVALS

HORSE BRANCH, Ky.—We recently had a revival here with Sister Stella Broner as evangelist. The Lord blessed us and 18 were saved, 12 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church. We had a homecoming the last Sunday of the revival. A large crowd was present. We raised \$66.53 on our parsonage building fund.

We also got enough shingles to cover the parsonage, two kegs of nails, window and door sills, and all the rough lumber that will be needed. We already have the lot graded, and hope that soon our good pastor, Rev. Ivon Pruett, will be moving in. We give God all the praise for what He has done for us.—Tula Cannon, Clerk.

FITZGERALD, Ga.—We have recently had a wonderful revival. Sister Irene Hillhouse was with us for 3 weeks, doing some wonderful preaching and much appreciated personal work among our people. We could not keep a record of all those saved and sanctified, but there were 25 seekers in the altar on the last night. Thirty-four received the Holy Ghost, 19 were baptized in water, and 17 were added to the church. I was one of those who received the Baptism, after seeking for many years. There were also others who received the Holy Ghost who had sought for several years. There are more to be baptized, and more expected to come into the church. We certainly thank God for Sister Hillhouse and for this wonderful revival.—Joe T. Cooper, Clerk.

LEWISBURG, Tenn.—We are truly praising God for the wonderful revival we had. Rev. D. G. Bozeman, of Detroit, Ala., was the evangelist. Four were saved, 4 sanctified, 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 4 added to the church, and 6 baptized in water. The church was blessed by the inspiring messages delivered each night.—Rev. O. M. Bell, Pastor.

DUNCAN, N. C.—Brother Rouston Pollard was the evangelist for the revival we had recently. Five were saved, 1 sanctified, and 1 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Pollard believes in letting the Holy Ghost use him. Brother Paul Lancaster is our pastor, and we appreciate him and his family. Pray for us here.—Roger Lee Jones, Clerk.

MARKLEYSBURG, Penna.—We have had a 2 weeks' revival, with Barbara Lansberry, who is 15 years of age and is very spiritual and preaches well. One soul was saved and sanctified, and the church was richly blessed.—Vernice Summerfield, Pastor.

MCCORMICK, S. C.—We have just had a revival with Brother James H. Whitman, of Iva, S. C., as the evangelist. Fifteen were saved, 7 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 12 added to the church. The Lord met with us in each service.—Mrs. J. H. Stroud, Clerk.

E. BREWTON, Ala.—Sisters Edna Sande and Charlotte Bandy held a 2 weeks' revival here. There were 17 saved and 2 baptized with the Holy Ghost. We are planning a baptismal service soon. God was with us each night as Sister Sande preached.—R. R. Herring, Pastor.

I have enjoyed so greatly the fellowship I have had through correspondence with fellow editors and the exchange of papers with them that I feel you would appreciate my running the following letters. Our exchange of publications is with far more editors than space will permit me to run letters from. We can rejoice that our publications are going to scores of editorial offices throughout the world. The following letters are in response to my letters:

Rev. Raymond W. Becker, Editor
THE FOURSQUARE MAGAZINE
1100 Glendale Boulevard
Los Angeles 26, Calif.

Dear Brother Becker:

I have been so greatly enjoying your splendid magazine that you are sending in exchange for our official organ **The Church of God Evangel** that I feel it incumbent on me to give you this letter of appreciation.

Your paper, so well arranged and edited, has not only been a real source of information to me, but also spiritual inspiration. It is altogether possible that I will desire to reprint material from your publication at one time or another, and I trust you will be agreeable to this. You certainly have my permission to reprint anything you desire from **The Church of God Evangel**.

It is a pleasure to have Christian fellowship with you through your paper as a fellow editor, and I trust I shall have the privilege of enjoying personal fellowship with you.

May God's most choice blessings continue to rest richly upon you in your great work for Him.

Sincerely,

J. D. Bright, Editor-in-Chief

Dear Brother Bright:

Your recent letter of appreciation came as a refreshing breeze from the Ocean of Brotherly Love! God must surely bless the ministry of a man who will take time out from his busy schedule of publishing a 16-page weekly to dictate such an epistle of encouragement to a fellow laborer!

You have set an example which I, by the grace of God, purpose to follow in the future, in spite of being "too busy" most of the time!

I might as well begin right now by saying sincerely that ever since we instituted our policy of exchanging with other organizations, your periodical has been a most welcome visitor to my desk. I have "lifted" many an article from it and filed it away for future reference, either as personal sermon material or for reprinting in the **Foursquare Magazine**. The other day I discarded a number of file cards listing magazines and papers I no longer cared to receive. Needless to say, **The Church of God Evangel** was not among them!

Of course, you may reprint anything you wish from our publications, and thank you for granting me permission to do the same with your fine paper.

Some day I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you face to face. Until

then, I shall enjoy our fellowship by letter and the printed word. God bless you, and increase your influence for His great cause, and ours, is my prayer.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond W. Becker, Editor
THE FOURSQUARE MAGAZINE

I deeply appreciate your kind word regarding our little missionary news sheet **Friends Oriental News**. You may feel perfectly free to make any use desired of material which appears in it. I may say that both my wife and I are regular readers of your publication and find many articles and editorials of intense interest; we are profiting much from its pages.

God's best for you and your people.

Yours in Him,

Walter R. Williams, Editor
Friends Oriental News
Damascus, Ohio

Each time I read **The Church of God Evangel**, I think, "Some day I must write and tell Brother Bright how much I enjoy the **Evangel**." I generally read "Thought Provokers" first, then the editorial page.

We appreciate permission to reprint from **The Evangel**, and, of course, are happy for you to use any material from **The Message** that you like.

It is a pleasure to get acquainted with fellow editors. My husband and I worked for about ten years in a religious publishing house in Wisconsin (in fact, we met there when Bible School students). I was editor of **The Burning Bush**, and he was foreman. After our marriage, we went to the mission field (Mexico, eight years), then came to Des Moines in the fall of 1946.

May the Lord continue to bless your editorial ministry.

Sincerely,

Dolores Rainey
Message of the Open Bible
Des Moines 14, Iowa

Your communication of February 20 addressed to B. C. Wood, editor of **The Gospel Herald**, has been received.

We certainly appreciate knowing that you enjoy **The Gospel Herald**, also your words of commendation.

You are at liberty to make selections from our **Gospel Herald**. Of course, the usual courtesy of credit would be appreciated.

We also wish to thank you for giving us permission to use material from **The Church of God Evangel**.

May the Lord bless you!

Respectfully,

M. E. Musselman
UNION GOSPEL PRESS

We are glad to grant permission to reprint material from our magazine, requesting only that you graciously give proper credit. We also thank you for your permission to reprint items from **The Church of God Evangel**. We have noted many interesting and helpful items in it from time to time.

The Blessedness of Editorial Fellowship

Your letter is being held for Dr. Cooper's attention upon his return from his tour. I know he will appreciate your very kind words of commendations concerning **The Monthly**. We rejoice in knowing that the paper is proving a blessing to you.

May God continue to use you and your magazine for His glory.

Yours sincerely,

David L. Cooper, Jr.
BIBLICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY
Los Angeles 65, California

I can assure you that it was a pleasant surprise to receive your very welcome letter, dated the 20th of February. As editor of a very attractive and successful magazine, you will appreciate what such a letter means to an editor who is doing his best to get the message to the people through the written word.

I am very sorry that most of our articles and news is published in Afrikaans, and I am sure that if you could read it in our language you would be better acquainted with our work and the blessing of God resting upon it.

I want to thank you for sending me regularly your **Evangel**, and I want to assure you that it has already been an inspiration and given me guidance in different matters in publication.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Your brother in His service,

A. J. Schoeman, Editor
Trooster (Comforter)
Johannesburg, South Africa

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It certainly was kind of you to write as you did last week. I think there is among editors a mutual appreciation of each other's work, due partly to the fact that we understand some of the problems and limitations we all face in endeavoring to do a good job. Any time you see something in our **Evangel** which you desire to reprint, we want you to feel free to use it, giving the words "The Pentecostal Evangel" at the end of the reprint article.

Thank you for your kindness in offering us permission to reprint from your paper. We always enjoy looking through **The Church of God Evangel**, and we see many good things there.

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Fellowship

We pray that the Lord will continue to honor your efforts and make all of your printed literature abundantly fruitful in producing Christlikeness in the lives of the readers, old and young.

A brother by His grace,
Robert C. Cunningham
Editor, **Pentecostal Evangel**
Springfield 1, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bright, of course, we shall be more than delighted to have you use anything from our magazine, or from my books, just so long as proper credit is given. We, too, are enjoying your publications, and wish them every blessing.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

Oswald J. Smith, Pastor
The Peoples Church
100 Bloor East, Toronto 5, Canada

Mr. Overholt had to go out of the city and turned some of his correspondence over to me. He enjoyed reading your letter before he left and appreciates it very much. We are enjoying **The Evangel**—its fine spiritual emphasis as well as your emphasis given to prohibition.

We shall be happy to have you quote anything you wish from **The National Prohibitionist**.

Yours very truly,

THE NATIONAL PROHIBITIONIST
(Mrs.) Olive Overholt
Winona Lake, Indiana

Many, many thanks for your good letter of February 20. Your kind remarks concerning my magazine greatly encouraged me, and I am taking the liberty of reprinting your letter in a future issue of **The Standard Bearer**. You really made me feel I was doing something for God. Again many thanks, Brother Bright.

With pleasure you may reprint anything that appears in my publication, and I shall probably avail myself of the same privilege in regard to **The Church of God Evangel**. Incidentally, I have often culled from it some very helpful "shorts."

Within the last two weeks I have visited Pretoria, which is the capital of the Union, twice in connection with the Annual General Conference. A wonderful spirit of fellowship and unity prevailed, and we enjoyed a glorious time of refreshing. Night after night, two to three thousand, or more, people attended the services.

Without a doubt, it was the largest and best conference ever held in the history of our Church. A missionary offering of £825 was given.

During the Ministers' Conference, I was elected to the office of Vice-moderator (of the Full Gospel Church of God) for the period of two years, Superintendent of the Native Work in Natal, and Superintendent of the European Southern Natal District Council. Somehow, I feel the time is approaching when I shall have to relinquish these offices and responsibilities.

Praying that God's richest blessing may continue to rest upon your ministry and with cordial Christian greetings,

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

Archie H. Cooper, Editor
THE STANDARD BEARER
P. O. Box 1577, Durban, South Africa

I was delighted with your letter of April 10 agreeing to a courtesy exchange of editorials between us. I am enclosing my latest copy to you, somewhat revised, as you will notice.

I am writing Brother Robinson to send you a cut of myself which will reach you quicker than for me to have a photo taken and one made. And I am requesting that your cut which appeared in the current issue of **The Pentecostal Pulpit** be used in connection with your article on "Holiness."

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,
H. T. Spence, Editor
Pentecostal Holiness Advocate
1413 Cameron Street
Memphis, Tennessee

It was indeed very kind of you to write as you did about our little paper **The Revival Messenger**, and encouraging, too. If there is anything in it which is of use to you, you are more than welcome to make use of it, as I shall hope to do the same with your kind permission regarding **The Church of God Evangel**.

I am particularly interested in your tenets, to see the way in which you combine holiness and Pentecostal teachings. There are very few here who do that; the holiness teachers in the mass will have nothing to do with Pentecost, and the Pentecostal teachers are generally weak in their teaching of holiness.

May the Lord richly bless you in your work for Him.

Yours very sincerely,
E. J. C. Tikkerington
Editor, **The Revival Messenger**
Bromley, Kent, England

Greetings in the precious name of our Redeemer King!

I have, indeed, been greatly encouraged by your letter of appreciation regarding **The Standard of Truth**. I often think what a pity it is that we cannot afford to produce a paper somewhat comparable to what your **Evangel** is, but you know just how difficult it is at the moment here, with newsprint and publishing costs so high. But we don't begrudge it—a

grand and a glorious work is being accomplished, for which we give God all the glory.

You are at perfect liberty to reprint anything you like from our paper, and I indeed thank you very much for the reciprocal offer and assure you that I will take full advantage of it. I have often felt like writing and asking if I might do this.

Brother Gordon Magee is at present on his way to Sudbury in Canada, in response to an urgent request. If you care to write him, his address will be 299 Granite St., Sudbury, Ontario. Again thanking you and may God continue to bless you.

Yours in Him,
J. G. Graham
Editor, **Standard of Truth**
Belfast, N. Ireland

Thank you, Brother Bright, for your good letter and for the exchange of your official publication. I'm grateful for your kind words regarding my responsibility with the E. P. A. and certainly covet your prayers and cooperation for every success. I believe we're just getting started in a great program that will be of much mutual benefit.

Your brother in Christ,
Ernest Keasling, Editor
Young Peoples Missionary Society News
Winona Lake, Ind.

Thanks for your kind words concerning **The Christian Conservator** in your recent letter. I am glad that somewhere along the way you and J. C. Peters, our publisher, effected an exchange of our church papers.

Sometimes, yes, very often, I doubt whether the **Conservator** is all you find it to be. It is certainly my ambition, by the help of the Lord, to make it a source of information and inspiration.

You have, indeed, our permission to use about anything in our pages. A few weeks ago I laid hold of an article in your June 16, 1951, issue by E. D. Johnson. Thanks for your generous invitation to use your articles.

I enjoy what material I am able to peruse in your **Evangel**. I once told my Board that with all the good things—Bible, of course, in particular—we have to feast on, no editor should miss the Pearly Gates. Isn't it true?

Sincerely,
Ernest Gingerich, Editor
The Christian Conservator
Huntington, Indiana

I want to thank you for putting me on your exchange list. I have just gotten around to looking at the first copy of **The Church of God Evangel**, and I want you to know that I greatly enjoyed it. It was helpful. In fact, I liked it so well that I rather think I am going to lift an article that I found therein.

Sincerely,
A. L. Goodrich, Editor
The Baptist Record
Jackson, Mississippi

Missions . . .

J. H. WALKER, SR.
Executive Missions
Secretary

REVIVAL FIRES BURN IN BARBADOS

by **Luke R. Summers**

The second week of June was an outstanding week here in Barbados. It will long live in our memories as a milestone, for it was the first time there had ever been a united effort among the Pentecostal or Full Gospel Churches toward evangelism. Brother Harvey McAllister, who is being used of God in a gracious way in both the salvation of souls and the healing of the sick, gave us a week's meeting. He was accompanied by his nephew, Hugh McAllister, of Toronto, who also proved to be a great blessing by his inspired messages. Harvey McAllister was fresh from great victories in both B. Guiana and Trinidad. His wealth of experience backing his serene but powerful ministry had a conquering effect upon both saint and sinner.

The meetings commenced on Sunday night, the 8th of June, in the Steel Shed in the Queen's Park, and continued there on Monday night. On Tuesday morning we moved to the Gospel Tabernacle that seats over 1,000. The morning service was not attended by a large crowd because of rain, but at the night service the seating space was used up long before the service began. Many stood both inside and outside of the building. When the altar call was given, many responded. Hugh had to leave on Thursday morning, but Thursday night a glorious meeting was enjoyed. Some 60 came for salvation. Each night as prayer was offered for the sick, wave after wave of glory swept over the congregation while hundreds received a healing touch on their bodies.

Because of a change in schedule Brother Harvey McAllister had to leave on Friday morning, instead of Sunday or Monday; consequently, we had a climaxing union meeting on Friday night, and Brother Barker of the P. A. O. C. of Trinidad brought the message. How blessed it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. In all there were over 100 who responded to the invitation to accept the Lord as their Saviour; many wonderful testimonies of healing have been received; and a sweet spirit of unity prevails among the saints of God. Brother McAllister has won a place in the hearts of the Barbadians and they are praying that he may return soon.

SOUTH AFRICAN MODERATOR VISITS SOUTHWEST AFRICA

**Outstanding Accomplishments for
God**

**Dr. J. H. Saayman, Moderator of the
Full Gospel Church of God in South**

Africa, recently visited Southwest Africa, the great open field where people eagerly accept the Word of God.

Hear it in his own words: "Greetings in Jesus' name. I have just returned from Southwest Africa by plane this morning, and I am leaving for Cape Town tomorrow morning, so I thought I better let you know how we got on. The dear Lord most graciously blessed our efforts. We had 600 decisions for Christ in 8 days. I travelled 1,900 miles, 800 in a Ford one-ton truck and 1,100 by plane. We slept in the open every night and conducted meetings every night.

"Brother and Sister P. J. van der Walt, the North Carolina ministers' missionaries, and I worked together. We had, according to an estimate by the compound manager's clerk, about 2,000 natives in the meeting, and, praise the Lord, our hearts were thrilled with joy to overflowing when more than 500 accepted Christ in one meeting. I had my stop film projector

**Protestant Ministers Being Beaten and
Killed by Roman Catholics. Bibles and
Song Books Burned in Face of Perse-
cuted Saints. Church Windows
Smashed. Churches and Believers
Stoned by Angry Mob of Youths Who
Are Incited and Led by Local Catholic
Priests. The Accounts Cover Columbia,
South America, Spain, Italy, and
Mexico**

Pages could be written giving accounts of these terrible incidents, yet it seems, after we hear of many of these instances, we almost regard it as common-place just as the delayed war that is being fought in Korea. Thousands and tens of thousands of our boys are being killed on the battlefield, yet we are little concerned about it. These are perilous times, dangerous times, times when men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things that are coming upon the world. Cruel, unregenerate Catholics are continuing their persecution of the Protestants at every turn, and blocking their entrance into the mission fields.

Recently, Pope Pius XII, in a pastoral letter concerning the Romanian Church, urged the people to pray that the church might have complete liberty to proclaim the Catholic religion in both public and private in the country. Then at the same time the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Columbia is seeking to deprive Protestants the right to make any public profession of their faith, limiting them to the sole privileges of worshiping in their churches. I could cite numbers of instances where the Roman Catholics have greatly hindered the entrance of

and showed them a picture on the life and crucifixion of our Lord. After the meeting a native man came to me and said (through an interpreter) that a few nights ago an angel of the Lord appeared to him and told him that men of God would come to them and show them more of the Lord. Another one came forward and said he had dreamed the previous night that men came and told them of the way of salvation. They had their witnesses whom they had told of their dreams and visions. One man looked me in the face and said, 'What must I do now? I only want to serve Jesus.' Let me assure you, brother, I almost wanted to stay and build a tabernacle there. Surely the brethren in North Carolina must feel that the reward for their undertaking in supporting a missionary in this field is great. Kindly convey this good news to them. Our Brother and Sister van der Walt are more than encouraged to see how the Lord has opened the door for them. We will be building a memorial hall at Isumeb.

"The Myren (North Dakota) Memorial Hall was dedicated last Sunday a week ago, when I was at Keimoes. It is a real beautiful hall; the brethren spent 312 pounds, instead of 200 pounds. There must have been over 300 natives at the opening."

missionaries into different fields.

I want to give you a copy of a letter I have just received from a brother with whom I have corresponded for a number of years. He is a precious Pentecostal minister, with a burden for lost souls. I am withholding his name for his protection:

"As you already know in other letters that I have sent you, now I say in this what I have written to others, that you in that great country of liberty are not aware of the conditions existing here among the evangelical Spaniards, even though the Roman Catholic and the press deny that they are persecuting the evangelical church to interrupt the service; the brethren were obligated to call the police, then everything was fixed up in an unexpected manner, thank the Lord. The 6th of the past month of April, Palm Sunday, some 30 to 40 students from the college went to the Lutheran Church and broke into it, as it had been closed and sealed by the orders of the governor of —; they entered and tore up the Bible and other books and took 200 pesetas that the pastor had in a box on the table. They wanted to strangle the poor mother of the pastor; he was not at home when it happened but had gone to the house of a brother having a service. This happened at seven in the afternoon. After doing the damage they could in the church, the students went to the house of the service to interrupt the meeting, forcing the six people who were in the service to give up their books that they had with them. The brother-in-law of this brother picked up a chair and began striking the stu-

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dents with it, and the students returned the blows with clubs and belts. After they went into the streets singing the "Ave Marias" and stuck papers on the walls of the house, saying, "Down with the Protestants!" The case was brought before the civil authorities, but as yet it is not known what the authorities will do with the students. We do not believe anything will happen, because they are the sons of the capitalists of society and students of the — College.

"Yes, yes, there are persecutions in Spain, and we are eyewitnesses of them, I being one of the victims who was expelled from —, my native city, persecuted and expelled from —, and almost expelled from —, in the province of —. I cannot go to — because the authorities are waiting for me to come that they may arrest me. If this is not persecution, what shall we call it? But in spite of all the persecution and opposition, the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is going forward, and Satan does not like it. I continue in —, and thank the Lord that the authorities have not molested me for anything, since I respect and obey the laws of the land, and pray for the authorities that God will bring them to a knowledge of the Scriptures so they will understand what the gospel is that we preach. The authorities are ignorant of what God has to say in His Word."

May I earnestly insist that you daily pray for our missionaries that God will direct them during these perilous times, give them His anointing, and grant that many souls will be won to

AN ERRONEOUS REPORT IN KENTUCKY REFUTED

Sometime ago a newspaper in Kentucky carried an article with the caption "Weeping Mountaineer Gets Off 'Deathbed,'" in which it was stated that James Longworth, 69-year-old Kentucky mountaineer, got up from his "deathbed" weeping Sunday because he did not die on scheduled Saturday morning.

The write-up about this fellow who claimed to have had a revelation that he was to die on a certain Saturday, and did not, and the fact that the paper referred to him as "the robust-looking little Church of God member" has created a lot of questions.

Rev. J. M. Baldree, Sr., pastor of the Church of God in Middlesboro, Ky., states, "Mr. Longworth is not and never has been a member of the Church of God. He is a member of what they call 'The Way of Holiness Church of God,' a very small group that pulled out of the Mountain Assembly Church of God."

It is hoped that this statement will be sufficient to answer the inquiries that are being made.

Christ through their efforts. Yes, pray for our missionaries everywhere, in every land; pray that laborers will go into the harvest for they are wasting away.

OUR FLIGHT TO GERMANY

The World Pentecostal Conference in London ended July 6. On the 7th, Brother J. H. Hughes, overseer of West Virginia; Brother J. O'Hara, one of his ministers; Brother Herman Lauster, Walter Lauster, and Bobbie Lauster accompanied me on the trip to Germany. There, Brother Lauster had his car waiting.

We traveled on Hitler's great autobahn through ripening wheat fields, beautiful timber land, and fruit orchards, on our way to the little colorful village of Krehwinkel.

To say the least, the most cordial hospitality was extended us by the Lausters, and our hearts were overwhelmed with appreciation of the accomplishments for God and the Church in this land.

A Visit to the Concentration Camp

We had the privilege of going with Brother Lauster to the stone quarry

where he was forced to work for the Nazis. It was only a few yards from the place of execution for many who rejected Hitler's policies. They were hung there without mercy.

We went through the prison where he spent a seven months' imprisonment.

The readers will be interested to know that Brother Lauster will present this horrifying story in his own words, with pictures to illustrate, in an article soon. We shall have this first hand, and it will, no doubt, appear in the *Evangel* as soon as it can be arranged.—Paul H. Walker, Chairman of Foreign Missions Board.

NOTICES

Evangelistic Campaigns

Baxley, Ga., U. S. No. 1, South, August 20-Sept. 7

Statesboro, Ga.—September 11-28

These meetings are to be under the big tent, sponsored by several churches.—Roy Douglas.

SHARON'S MIRACULOUS RECOVERY



On May 24 little five-year-old Sharon Conn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Conn, was stricken suddenly with tetanus (lockjaw) caused by a cut foot. Convulsions having begun even before she was admitted to the hospital, examination revealed that her case was very critical. Thus began an hour-by-hour fight to save Sharon's life for four long weeks. Being unconscious for over three weeks and under an oxygen tent for about four weeks, she was kept in a private room where no visitors were allowed except her parents, and they only for a few minutes at a time. Even the slightest noise caused her to have a convulsion. For days, when the doctor was asked if there was any good

thing he could tell about Sharon's condition, he would reply, "It is another day—and every hour she remains alive is good." Special nurses were with her every hour night and day for one month.

One week after her admittance to the hospital, the doctors revealed that pneumonia had developed—a serious complication added to an already critical disease. Yet the doctors and nurses worked faithfully and skillfully, while hundreds of Christians in many places prayed earnestly in Sharon's behalf, and God most wonderfully answered. This the doctors and nurses were happy to acknowledge. In fact, Sharon's special doctor admitted to Brother and Sister Conn that hers was the most severe tetanus case that had been admitted during his three years with the Grady Hospital, and that they could consider her recovery a miracle.

This is the second miraculous recovery from the very jaws of death by Sharon. The first was when as a tiny baby she was being destroyed by whooping cough. Therefore, Brother and Sister Conn feel that this is the third time that Sharon has been given to them. The first time, of course, at her birth. They believe, and why not, that surely God has a great work for her.

If you should judge Sharon by her sweet carefree smile and healthy appearance, you would never think she had just completed a long journey through the valley of the shadow of death. But she has, and to be back home with her two sisters, five brothers, mother and dad is house of the Lord to her—and to them. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow her all the days of her life, and may they be many and useful.—J. D. B.

PRAY, PLAN, BOOST, AND ATTEND

THE 44th GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES AUGUST 14-17 IN THE COLISEUM, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA'S, NEW PARSONAGE



This is the beautiful new parsonage at Logan, W. Va. It has 7 rooms, basement, a study, and modern bath facilities. The walls are plastered and painted in beautiful colors. The kitchen has rubber-tile floor and built-in cabinets. The bath has tile around the wall, with rubber tile on floor. The other rooms have hardwood floors and lovely trimming. The basement is full-size, with laundry room, shower room, and a garage. This is one of the nicest parsonages in the Church of God, says our state overseer, J. H. Hughes. The value of the parsonage and furniture is \$25,000. The L. W. W. B. bought lovely new furni-

ture for it. The people have been good to me and my family in supporting us and giving us many gifts. The church has made progress. We have bought new furniture for it, made of selected oak. The new pews and furniture make the worship much more pleasant. The Y. P. E. made a drive to buy a grand piano, and in 5 weeks they had the money to pay for it. There have been 31 added to the church, including some few transfers. The tithes have broken the record for the past year. We are very thankful for all the blessings of the Lord upon us and the church.—George E. Underwood, pastor.

THE LORD HAS HELPED US

The little mission at Ft. Meade, Md., has been making steady increase since it was organized Feb. 5, 1952. We started to work on the church building May 1 with all Satan's forces against us. The loan company refused us a loan, and we only had about \$300, but with that we drew a contract for \$11,000, and the work was started. On June 8, we had a rally day in the new church, on the subfloor, and raised over \$3,000. We asked God how much He would have us give. He seemed to say \$2,202.02; over and over again that figure rang in my mind. I argued, "I am 58 and had better look out for self." But then I thought of what Jesus said about God's care for the birds. When we started giving, others followed, and by July 1 we had received, by way of discounts, offerings and labor, \$3,452, and the

tithes for the month were \$268. We moved into our new church July 5. It is nearly complete, and our good overseer, Rev. G. W. Lane, has helped us to get a loan through the bank in Baltimore, Md. We owe only \$5,000 on our nice building. We are now in a revival, with Sister Mavis Bridges, and 10 have been saved, several sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 2 added to the church, and 10 baptized in water. For all this we give God and the people thanks.—C. H. Deans, Pastor, 128 Kentucky Ave., S. C., Washington 3, D. C.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

Reverend W. D. Alton, missionary of Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, is delighted with the success of the Youth for Christ campaign recently held there. The average attendance

was approximately 1,500 every night and anywhere from 20 to 50 souls coming to God in each service. He states, "They were a real blessing to us. They gave our work a boost; in fact, all of the Protestant movement in that country. We have divided the names of those confessing and are now continuing to work with them as individuals, urging them to go to some service regularly." He states he believes the campaign was quite successful and feels it was a great privilege to have the Youth for Christ team to visit their island.

May God bless our youth today who are willing to brave the difficulties, go to the foreign field wherever a door is opened, and enter, preaching Christ and Him crucified. The gospel in its fulness has sufficient power and attraction in it to interest and challenge the youth of every nation, and we pray God's blessings upon their every effort in advancing the cause of Christ.

CARMI RISES AND SHINES

CARMI, Ill.—We praise the Lord for the blessings and spiritual services we have been having here at Carmi, Ill. Just a few weeks back we went to our radio broadcast at 9:30 a. m. and following to our Sunday School and morning worship service. That morning the Holy Ghost and power came down in our midst with speaking in tongues and interpretations, saying, if we would sacrifice that day for the Lord. He would give us a revival, which some of us did. The Spirit was there in a mighty way all that day, people were saved, renewed and filled with the Holy Ghost and power. That day we were in services from 9:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. without leaving. That was the most glorious day I have ever experienced in my Christian life.

Our pastor, Rev. E. W. Carden, is really a spiritual blessing to the Carmi Church; he is a real man of God and believes in letting the Lord and the Holy Ghost have His way in the services. Since that day people have been saved, healed, and filled with other blessings in our regular services.

We also have had a wonderful revival, with Sister Gertrude Patrick as the evangelist. Nineteen were saved, 8 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church. Our Sunday School is growing; our crowds in Sunday night's services have doubled, and our **Willing Workers' Band** is a real financial and spiritual help in the church. Every department has been helped by these spiritual services. We are climbing higher, by the help of our good pastor, who has been here only a few months. However, his spiritual influence has built our church up, and it is growing spiritually and financially. We praise the Lord for sending us a real genuine Church of God pastor. We feel as if we are climbing Jacob's ladder, and by the help of the Lord

THE SPIRITUAL FEAST

MINISTERS' COUNCIL CONVENING IN SMALL AUDITORIUM NEAR COLISEUM.
BEGINS 9 A. M., AUGUST 12; ENDS 4:30 P. M., AUGUST 14

and your prayers for our church and pastor, we intend to reach the top.—Mrs. Jack Souther.

WEST VIRGINIA CAMP MEETING

On June 9 the West Virginia camp meeting and state convention began. The orchestra, under the direction of Ray Rodeheaver, started playing, and the congregation, with Brother Wm. Winters and C. C. McAfee leading, sang beautifully. Our state overseer, Rev. J. H. Hughes, greeted the large congregation and introduced visiting ministers. The host pastor, Rev. Earl P. King, gave us all a congenial welcome, and then Brother K. D. Beaubé gave us some valuable tips on "How to Have a Great Camp Meeting." After some special singing, Rev. G. W. Lane, overseer of Maryland, our camp meeting speaker, delivered a wonderful message on "Stretch Forth Thine Hand." Many souls were blessed, and the altar was filled after his message.

On Tuesday morning Brother C. C. McAfee conducted a healing service, after which Brother Lane conducted a Bible lesson. Brother Higgins and Brother Kirton, two brothers of Jamaica, were with us, and Brother Higgins spoke on "Give God What Belongs to Him." As I listened I rejoiced that we, through our giving to missions, had a part in the salvation of such men.

Wednesday morning the healing service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Parrott, who spoke on "Faith in Christ." For our Bible study we were happy to have our Assistant General Overseer, Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, as teacher; his subject was "The Five Judgments." In the afternoon service the President-elect of Lee College, Rev. Leonard Carroll, gave us some facts about Lee College. Then we enjoyed a fine message, "The Greatest Wonder in All the World," by Rev. V. W. Thomas. In the evening Brother Carroll spoke on "Foreshadowing of Power."

Rev. D. R. Moreland, in the Thursday morning healing service, spoke on "The Crumbs From the Master's Table." In the Bible study which followed, Brother Lane told us of God's financial plan for His church, tithing and giving. Since this was L.W.W.B. day, the ladies presented a playlet "The Judgment of the Willing Workers' Band." All of us rejoiced to see Brother and Sister French, who have given many years of their lives to the cause of Christ in India. Brother French was at his best in his message "Sad, Mad, or Glad." In the evening service, after the inspiring special singing, Brother Lane preached another wonderful sermon on "Fences on the Road to Destruction."

Friday morning the healing service was conducted by Rev. Earl J. Gilbert, who spoke on "Faith's Basis, Object, and Results." Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield delivered an inspiring message

on the subject "Christianity Challenged and Challenging." Friday was "Missions Day," and after meeting several missionaries we were treated to a great message on "World Evangelism" by Brother French. We were happy to have, in the evening service, Rev. J. H. Walker, our Executive Missions Secretary, who spoke a short while on missions, Rev. Paul H. Walker, Chairman of the Missions Board, Rev. R. R. Walker, overseer of Kentucky, and several other visitors, including a native brother from India who gave us a very interesting talk. The meeting came to a close with another message by Brother Lane.

We wish to thank the following people for their splendid job in leading our devotions during the camp meeting: Rev. Wm. Winters, Rev. W. N. Everly, Sister Lillian Baker, Mrs. E. T. Hitte, Rev. Leroy Imperio, Rev. Howard Kiser, Sister Nettie Hall, Rev. Wm. Pentecost, and Mrs. C. C. McAfee. We should also like to express our appreciation for all the special singers and all others who helped to make our camp meeting and state convention a success.—Earl J. Gilbert, camp meeting reporter.

IOWA STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

The Iowa State camp meeting and convention was held June 14-22, 1952, at the Church of God, 1198 W. 14th St., Des Moines, Iowa, with the Rev. Carl Cox, state overseer, officiating.

Heretofore the camp meetings and conventions have been held on a campground near Des Moines, under a tent. Due to the fact that it was compulsory to convene in a local church building this year, the attendance was somewhat smaller than usual. However, the spirituality, unity, and fellowship were above par. From the beginning to the end of the meeting God manifested Himself in a mighty way. Representatives from each church in the State came "filled with God's Spirit."

We had one of the greatest speakers in the Church of God, Rev. A. V. Beaubé, state overseer of Tennessee. His opening message was "A Great Camp Meeting and How to Have It." His messages were simple and doctrinal, such as "The Man Christ Jesus," "Repentance and Sanctification," and "The Baptism in the Holy Ghost."

Singers, local speakers, prayer warriors, and all who took part in the services were seemingly at their very best for God. Out-of-state visitors were Rev. Houston R. Morehead, General Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. Morehead; Rev. Lewis J. Willis, National Youth Director; Rev. and Mrs. Myers, Northwest Bible School, Minot, N. Dakota; Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Florence, Ashland, Ohio; Rev. W. E. Dowdy, state overseer of Kansas, Mrs. Dowdy, and Miss Edna Horst, youth director of Kansas. Another important

feature of the convention was a Bible School for children. The youth, Sunday School, and L.W.W.B. had their places on the program. Prayer and consecration opened each day's services.

Since this year concludes our state overseer's 4-year term, the convention had a sad ending. Deep sentiment is held in the hearts of the people throughout the State for Brother Cox and his family. A token of love and appreciation was given in an offering, but this could not convey the real love that is in the hearts of the people of Iowa. The results of their work will long remain. May God richly bless them in their future years of labor for Him.—Mrs. Aletha C. Vaughan, convention clerk.

OH PRAISE THE LORD

ALIEF, Texas—One morning my 19-month-old baby fell and cut his tongue all the way through for about three-fourths of an inch. All that day it stood apart, and I thought maybe I should have some stitches taken in it or it would not heal as it should. We prayed, and my baby's tongue healed so quickly it was miraculous. The second day the bottom of his tongue was healed altogether, the top still a little raw; but the next day, it was entirely healed, and he ate anything. We praise God for His healing power.—Mrs. Cladys Crawford.



Cpl. Thomas L. Harris entered service January 11, 1951. He took his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and is now serving in Korea. He wishes to return to the States soon. He is a Christian and requests that all the Christian people pray for him and the other boys in Korea.—Dorothy Stepp, Blue Ridge, Ga.

Sin and Its Wages

By JIMMY L. ROPER, 309 Kingston Ave., Rome, Ga.

Rom. 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

We find here that the wages of sin is death. If we work in a furniture factory, we devote our time, strength, body's service, and everything to our job. Then, at the close of a given period, we look forward to getting our wages, don't we? If we serve God, do the things God wants us to do, then, at the end of life, we shall have eternal life with Jesus, all the prophets of old, God, the Holy Ghost, and loved ones, in that forever eternally existing city called heaven.

In Rom. 6:12, Paul said, "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof," and in the 22nd verse, he said, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." If you let a bird out of a cage, then he is free of the cage; if we get out from under the bondage of sin, we are free from sin. However, before we go any farther, let us notice very closely just what sin is.

In James 4:17, he says, "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." What would you consider doing good? Would you call going to church, paying your tithes, giving offerings, helping others, and visiting the sick, doing good? If you do, then listen as James says that "he that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." People have gotten into the habit of saying they are Christians, and then living any old kind of lives, until they all think they are Christians. Paul said that they would have their conscience seared as with a hot iron. 1 Peter 4:18, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" If the pure and the holy barely step inside the gates of pearl, then what about all of these people who are just dilly-dallying around in the world and patting the devil on back and compromising?

We read in Matt. 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Not all that shout and say, "I'm a Christian," will enter heaven, but we must bring forth fruits meet for repentance. We have found that sin is the neglecting of God's duty.

In 1 John 3:4 we find that "whosoever committeth sin transgresseth the law; for sin is the transgression of the law." What is the law? We have the

laws of our land to go by, or, shall I say, the rules and regulations for us to follow. Then let's call God's law God's rules and regulations. The Ten Commandments are not all the rules. 1 Thess. 5:17, "Pray without ceasing," and many more small rules are overlooked by many. Solomon said that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine. We don't have to steal, commit adultery, or kill to sin; the little things can really hurt our Christian life. Solomon says, in Proverbs 24:9, "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men." What would you consider foolish? Paul said in Eph. 5:3, 4, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." I don't

things that sin has done? It wrecked the Garden of Eden. If the devil had come to Eve in a voice like a lion, she probably would have run; but, no, he came in the voice and form of a serpent. He uses the same slimy, deceitful, betraying method of capturing people today. Sin caused Peter to almost kill a man, the Son of God to be crucified, held Israel in the wilderness for forty years, and has done so many other horrible things. But what is sin doing today? It is wrecking and ruining beautiful lives, homes, churches; separating life-long friends, robbing people of eternal life. Sin pays off in death, but the gift of God is eternal life.

"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof." Ezek. 18:4, 20, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

REV. AND MRS. D. K. MURPHY



Rev. D. K. Murphy was born in Obin County, Tenn., Feb. 18, 1886. His mother died when he was about 3 years old. After his father married again, they moved to Arkansas, and D. K. stayed with them until he was 17 years old. He remembers his father taking him to the old-time Baptist and Methodist

brush arbor meetings when he was just a child, and his wishing in his heart he could know he would go to heaven when he died. In his early twenties he married Delpha May Atwood. In 1912 Brother Murphy was saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost in a revival meeting at Panama, Okla. His wife, also, was saved and sanctified in that revival and a few months later received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Brother Murphy says, "I was called to preach that same year (1912), but did not undertake the mission until July, 1913. I was engaged in evangelistic work for some time, and was first licensed by the Assemblies of God. On July 14, 1930, I was licensed by the Church of God, of which I had already been a member about 2 years. My pastoral work for the Church of God began in Joplin, Mo. I was ordained in 1934 and assigned to serve the State of Kansas as overseer. In 1935 I took up pastoral work again in Missouri. In 1940 we came to California and I began pastoral and evangelistic work.

"It has not all been rosy for Sister Murphy and our nine children, 6 girls and 3 boys, but the Lord has been with us, and for 20 years my preaching efforts were for the upbuilding of the Church of God as well as for the salvation of souls. I was retired in 1950.

GOSPELETTES

By Rev. Manuel F. Campbell

Christ Jesus will cradle us in His love, cleanse us by His blood, saturate us with His power, dress us in immortality, and give us heaven.

To die on a cross was an act of public shame and humiliation, but the cross of Christ has become our emblem of peace and pardon.

The cross of Christ is the starting point for the Christian—heaven is the blessed destination.

The blood of Jesus can place you out of reach of the flames of hell.

believe in acting like a monkey, going around talking about everything but God. Peter says in 2 Peter 3:11, "What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness." We are in a constant warfare against the devil, and we cannot spare a minute. If we give the devil an inch, he will take a mile. I believe it is foolish to spend \$100 or \$200 for a ring, \$100 for a watch or a suit of clothes, or \$4,000 for an automobile. And Solomon said that just to think about foolishness is sin.

"All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death." 1 John 5:17. Everything in our lives that is not godly is sin, and we had better get rid of it right away.

We have found out just a little of what sin is. What are a few of the